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Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) called yesterday for a congressional investigation of the United States Information Agency and the dismissal of one of its Russian affairs specialists.

Dodd's principal target in a Senate speech was Ralph K. White, chief of the Soviet Bloc Division of the USIA's Office of Research and Analysis.

He said that White, in a speech last Monday at the American Psychological Association Convention, "advanced the general theme that we are not too different from the Communists after all."

Dodd said White contended, among other things, that "while the Soviets may appear aggressive in Berlin, they have a genuine desire to stabilize the situation there, based upon a sincere fear of aggression by the West."

Also, Dodd said, White contended that "we overestimate the evil of Communist dictators" and that "we are too ready to dismiss the words of the Soviet leaders as lies when

most of the time they are saying what they really think."

Dodd said that White also condemned the U-2 flights over Russia and "our assistance to the Cuban Freedom Fighters as matters for which we should be blamed."

The Senator said these and other remarks he ascribed to White are "strange statements indeed to come from a man who is responsible for advising USIA on the most effective means of winning the ideological conflict with the Communists."

Dodd said Congress should thoroughly investigate the USIA "to find out if Dr. White's philosophy is an isolated phenomenon within the agency or whether it represents a consensus of opinion among those who are charged with bringing to the world the American message."

If USIA leaders share White's approach to the Cold War, Dodd said, "then this entire agency must be either cleaned up or dismantled."